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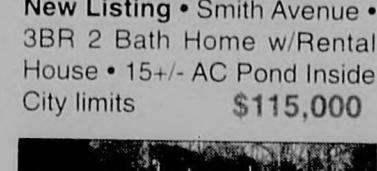
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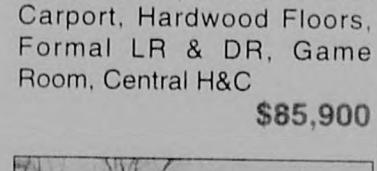
1027 Sunset Blvd. • 2,804
Baths • Brick Home, Deck,
Detached Apartment, Dbl.
Carport, Hardwood Floors,
Formal LR & DR, Game
Room, Central H&C
\$85,900



976 Sunset Blvd. • 3BR - 2
Bath Brick Home • Storage
Bldgs. • Quite Neighborhood
\$39,900



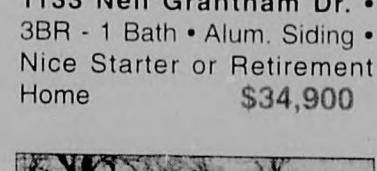
New Listing • Smith Avenue •
3BR - 2 Bath Home w/Rental
House • 15+/- AC Pond Inside
City limits \$115,000



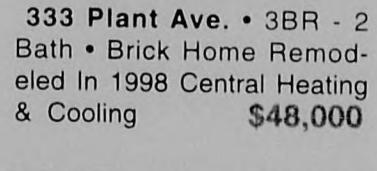
333 Plant Ave. • 3BR - 2
Bath • Brick Home Remod-
eled in 1998 Central Heating
& Cooling \$48,000



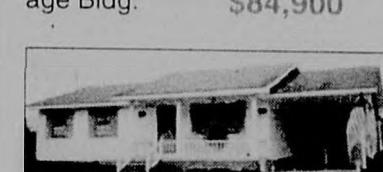
933 Winston St. • 1,904 Sq.
Ft. 3BR - 3 Bath • Dbl. Car
Garage & Deck • 15x30 Stor-
age Bldg. \$84,900



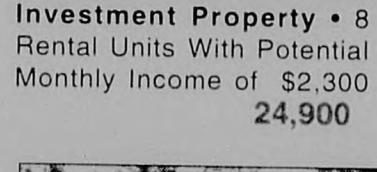
Investment Property • 8
Retail Units with Potential
Monthly Income of \$2,300
24,900



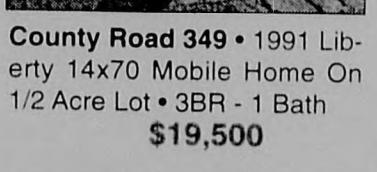
County Road 349 • 1991 Lib-
erty 20x40 Mobile Home on
1/2 Acre Lot • 3BR - 1 Bath
\$19,500



Country Home • 2BR Home
on 7.5 Acres • Located on Co.
Rd. 239 \$74,900



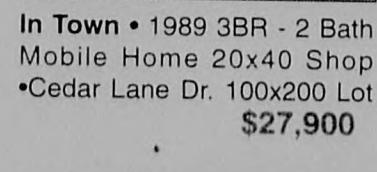
In Town • 1989 3BR - 2 Bath
Mobile Home 20x40 Shop
• Cedar Lane Dr. 100x200 Lot
\$27,900



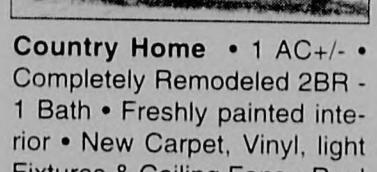
Country Home • 1 AC+/-
Completely Remodeled 2BR-
1 Bath • Freshly painted interior
• New Carpet, Vinyl light
Fixtures & Ceiling Fans • Real
Bargain \$34,900



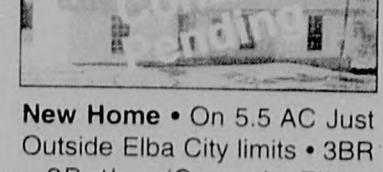
Remodeled 987 Morrow 3
BR - 2 Bath \$47,900



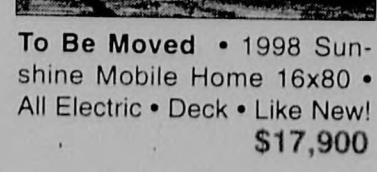
To Be Moved • 1998 Sun-
shine Mobile Home 16x80 •
All Electric • Deck • Like New!
\$17,900



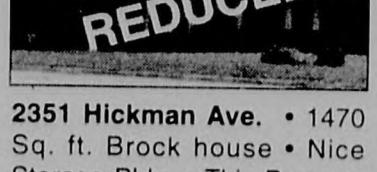
2351 Hickman Ave. • 1470
Sq. ft. Brock house • Nice
Storage Bldg. • This Property
Is Immaculate! \$57,900
\$49,900



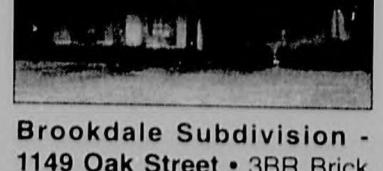
New Home • On 5.5 AC Just
Outside Elba City limits • 3BR
- 2 Bath w/Ceramic Tile •
Walk-In Master Closet •
Beautiful White Cabinets
\$52,900



Great Weekend
Getaway - Perfect
For Fishing & Ski-
ing • Lot & Mobile
Home at Gant
Lake on an 89 ft x
250 ft lot • 1975
Mobile Home •
2BR, 1BA •
•Access to Boat
Ramp & Pier.
\$22,900



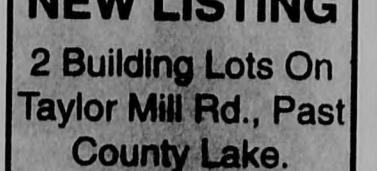
Brookdale Subdivision -
1149 Oak Street • 3BR Brick
Home • Never Flooded!
\$52,900



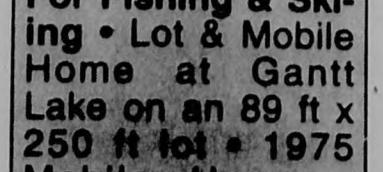
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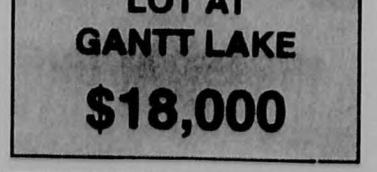
LOT AT
GANTT LAKE
\$18,000



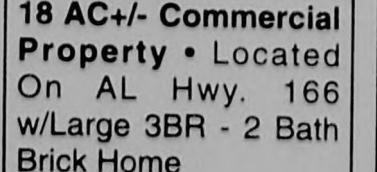
MUST SEE! Land For
Sale • 40AC+/- (35
AC Planted in Pines)
In Wilkenstown Area
\$98,500



REDUCED! REDUCED! • Two 12-
AC Parcels • 100' x 140' • Parcel
#1 Reduced To \$12,500
#2 Reduced To \$12,500



22 AC HORSE FARM • Near New
Brookdale Subdivision • 300' Sq. Ft.
Brick Home • 3 Bed, 2 Bath
\$12,500



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AC Parcels • 100' x 140' • Parcel
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Auburn University awards degrees

Auburn University awarded 1,077 academic degrees at its fall commencement ceremony on Dec. 11 in Baskin-Lee Memorial Coliseum. Local students receiving their Bachelor's degree were: William B. Grantham and Dusty D. Smith, both of Elba, and Gena A. Edwards of New Brockton.



APPROXIMATELY 90 decennents of James Duncan and Willie Anna Brown Davis gathered in Elba the weekend of April 8 and 9 for a reunion. Pictured above with Lena Fuller, seated, (eldest surviving of nine children) are 20 of the 34 grandchildren.

American Red Cross to hold Safety Class

The American Red Cross announces its Coffee County Class Schedule for April 2000.

On Saturday, April 22, there will be a Community First Aid & Safety Class from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and on Thursday, April 27, there will be a First Aid class from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The book for the Community First Aid & Safety class will cost

be an Adult CPR class from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 25, there will be an Infants &

Child CPR class from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. and on Thursday, April 27, there will be a First Aid class from 5:30 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.

The book for the Community First Aid & Safety class will cost

\$15.

All class fees are \$15.

Early registration is required. To register, please call the Coffee County Chapter office at 347-2461.

The Coffee County chapter is located at 711 W. Crawford St., Enterprise. Funds for the pay raises are to be

increased by increases in probate fees.

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In summation, "I see nothing unreasonable in the increase," Judge Gammon said.

There is no deadline for the commissioners to ratify or reject the commission's proposal.

County Administrator Wilson Mobley told commissioners that 38 applications for the chief real property appraiser's job have been received to date and 6 of the 6 applicants have been ratified.

Turning to other "court" matters, the commission took action concerning the \$1.5 million lawsuit filed against the county by Eva McGrath-Love. The county's attorney was instructed to file for a summary judgment and this is to be done within the week.

A recent ruling in the case was handed down by Circuit Judge William R. Gordon, of Montgomery County, stating that Mrs. McGrath-Love was an employee of the county at the time she was dismissed from her position as a juvenile officer by District Judge Steven Lewis.

Judge Gammon estimated that the fees would generate between \$42,000 to \$45,000 annually in Coffee County. He added, "I believe the total amount of raises for everybody under the omnibus pay bill was about twenty-five years ago."

"In looking at all the fees that were adjusted, these are all fairly reasonable, and moderate and even small increases," he added.

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In correcting some of the erroneous information about the bill, Judge Gammon noted that every county in the state is not having to go through this. There are only 8 out of 67 counties in which the commissions have to affirm the pay bill before it takes effect.

He added that it is his understanding that it is all or none in

books read by May 5, which is the final day for Accelerated Reader.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS
With Ferrin CoxFrom the Desk of:
State Representative Terry Spicer

House Passes Budget 'That Demands Accountability'

This little Cuban boy is now back with his father, but the debate is from over and the news media are playing right into the hands of the publicity seekers on both sides. It appears that when there is nothing happening with this family, a quick relash by the media of what has happened or been said is used to rekindle the human anger. Intense emotions, fueled by this TV/newspaper feeding frenzy are making this a no-win situation for everyone. Each of us makes mistakes also, but we can take some comfort in the fact we are not doing it to a worldwide audience.

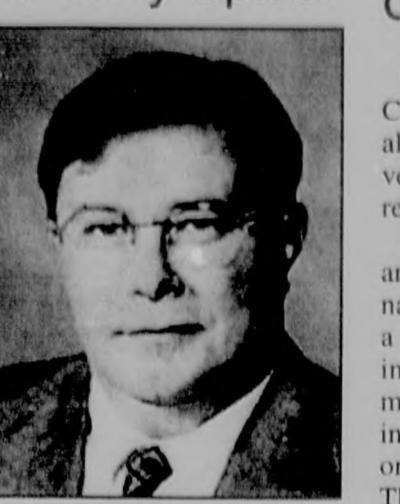
There has been a relatively few upset Elba citizens during the time the major sewer improvement/extension has been underway. If the mess in Brookdale hadn't lasted so long local folks might have been accepting of the blocked roads and muddy cars without a complaint. Now, however, there is relief in sight for everyone as the completion of the project looms for early summer. Hopefully this rebuild will eliminate any future danger of contamination from continually broken sewer mains and/or overflowing pumping stations.

It surely helps the community by getting more homes on the continuously monitored sewer system and out of less-than-perfect individual septic tanks.

The promised 4-laning of U.S. 84 is moving ever closer. An engineering firm is advertising in this issue of *The Elba Clipper* for employees to assist with the surveying of the proposed route. Their work will last until late summer and the Wiregrass should see dirt being moved soon after that part of the project is completed.

The proposed connector road to Interstate 10 was the subject of some recent meetings in Dothan. The state highway department put out a couple of proposals for consideration and a group of Dothan politicians added a third. Residents who live west of Dothan, including Coffee County folks, generally favor the western route. It is a selfish preference, but those speaking out are honest with their reasons. The group which proposed going right through downtown Dothan surely hasn't fully thought out their idea. It drew initial positive political benefits for the Dothan public officials making the proposal, but we predict the idea will go downhill from now on. Can you imagine cutting a streak, at least two blocks wide, right through the middle of Dothan, plus the additional overpasses, underpasses, and necessary exchanges etc. to keep Dothan moving and at the same time not counteract the original purpose of the I-10 Interstate connector to South Alabama?

Easter Sunrise service at Westside Baptist Church has become an annual tradition which we look forward to attending each year. Now, it has been said that some of those attending (surely not this old man) are there for the fine breakfast prepared each year by the men of the host church. True, these Christian volunteers are good at their job, but the world knows that none of us Methodists would let ourselves be influenced by the smell and sight of bacon, sausage, grits and fresh biscuits!



Rep. Terry Spicer

Health, Department of Youth Services, and Department of Corrections), the Speaker looks to expand such budgeting to all agencies over coming sessions.

The CDBG sewer project on U.S. 84 West was scheduled for start-up testing on Wednesday of this week. It still lacks hook-ups to several houses in the affected area.

The bill lists agency by agency, and department by department where Alabama's taxpayer dollars are spent. This year's budget employs a new budgeting strategy referred to as "performance-based budgeting."

"This budget is a sound proposal that commands accountability," comments Representative Knight, Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee.

"We have worked hard in committee to use performance-based budgeting that will save money for Alabama's taxpayers."

In a 1999 article published in Governing Magazine, Alabama was graded "D" in the areas of planning and budgeting. In response to the poor grade, the House Appropriations Committee, led by House Speaker Dorothy D. Anderson (D-Andalusia), has worked closely with Governor Don Siegelman and the Executive Budget Office, to utilize "performance-based budgeting" in the state budget. Beginning with five state agencies for FY01 (Department of Human Resources, Department of Public Safety, Department of Mental

Elba City Council hears report on status of two sewer projects

On Monday night the Elba City Council approved an annual report on water pollution prevention to be forwarded to state regulators.

The group, with all present and voting, also adopted an ordinance allowing the police to use a GRAEFER breath-testing instrument on citizens to determine if they have been consuming alcohol or illegal drugs. The ordinance will be effective as of Thursday of this week.

City Clerk Donny Morrow gave council members an update on the progress of the two sewer improvement projects.

"The long run benefit of performance based budgeting is a more effective government for less money," says Speaker Knight. "Every dollar counts."

Performance-based budgeting employs goals and objectives in determining funding levels. Agencies' objectives and annual goals are written into the budget and performance indicators are developed to measure agency progress for the year. Agencies will present to the Legislature a report outlining their accomplishments related to their goals. Their funding level will be based on their success.

Also included in the FY01 budget is increased funding for several agencies suffering from backlog in their low staffing. The Department of Public Safety will be receiving extra funds to handle the build up of driver license applications and accident report requests. Corrections will also see a boost in funds to increase the number of beds available in several state prisons.

Elba General Hospital Report

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of April 18, 2000 through April 24, 2000. They were: Minnie Bailey, Lizzie Pope, Larry Griffin, Roger Tice, Wanda Jackson, Hudson Ennis, Nancy Wilkes, Henry Stackhouse, Lucille Stackhouse, James Capps, Freddy Rodriguez, Shawana Adams, and Lela Spinks.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: Callie Carr, Gladys Dawkins, Demier Hill, Lizzie Pope, Evelyn Knots, Geraldine Puckett, Destiny Patterson, William Donaldson, Larry Griffin, Wanda Jackson, Roger Tice, Nancy Wilkes, and Freddy Rodriguez.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, April 17, 2000, investigated the following incidents: seven harassments, one verbal harassment, one sodomy, one family dispute, two assaults, one police violation, one noise ordinance violation, and one shooting incident.

The following arrests were made: one for possession of a forged instrument, one failure to appear, one for assault, one for sodomy, and one for public intoxication.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: twenty for speeding, twelve for seat belt violation, one for driver's license not in possession, three for driving with out first obtaining a driver's license, three for violation of the child restraint law, one for improper parking, one for no tag, one for expired driver's license, one for running a stop sign, and one for driving while driver's license are revoked.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, APRIL 17 - River stage - 3.99 (6:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Co. Rd. 306 (2:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Co. Rd. 306 (2:52 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Kendrick Apartments (4:50 p.m.); Domestic disturbance at Beaver Dam Apartments (11:11 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 18 - River stage - 3.99 (6:17 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Tucker Street (9:04 p.m.); routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19 - River stage - 3.70 feet (6:05 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 180 (12:45 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on AL Hwy. 167N (4:47 p.m.); Disturbance reported at Regency Apartments (10:49 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 20 - River stage - 3.49 feet (6:29 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to the Coffee County Jail in New Brockton (12:01 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jones Street (8:43 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 21 - River stage - 3.32 feet (6:06 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Co. Rd. 410 (2:40 p.m.); Routine activity.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22 - Disturbance reported on Hickman Avenue (2:36 a.m.); Disturbance reported on Adams Street (4:12 a.m.); River stage - 3.16 feet (6:54 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on Taylor Mill Road (9:14 a.m.); Fire department dispatched to a wreck on Taylor Mill Road (9:24 a.m.); Disturbance reported at Elba Villas (8:01 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 23 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

MONDAY, APRIL 24 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

TUESDAY, APRIL 25 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

THURSDAY, APRIL 27 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

FRIDAY, APRIL 28 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

SATURDAY, APRIL 29 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

SUNDAY, APRIL 30 - River stage - 3.05 feet (6:35 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy. 167N (8:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Brunson Street (4:02 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Taylor Mill Oaks (5:44 p.m.); Disturbance (domestic) reported on Martin Luther King Drive (6:34 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Sunset Blvd. (8:14 p.m.).

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FRIDAY

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PASTOR LOEARL FLOWERS
New Philadelphia Church
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Where do we go from here?

There is a sharp contrast sometimes from where we are now and where we will be when Christ returns. Many times we think we are at the level of acceptance that Christ requires, and by our own standards we are heading for his soon return, but I admonish each of us to search the scriptures and see if we in the faith or not. Where we go from here will not be by our own assumptions or what we think. We will stand before a righteousness judge that knows everything that we say and do. Our scripture says, "How do we know, we have passed from death to life?" Because we have love for one another.

When Jesus was condemned to death his disciples that followed him for three years and saw him do many miracles and healed many that were sick and impatient. And yet, they were discouraged when the times got hard, they went back to fishing. But Jesus said he would make them fishers of men, but they went back to what they were doing before they met Jesus. Often times we praise the but can we praise the Lord when the mountain is on top of us. Where we go from here will greatly depend on what we do now. Today is the day of our salvation. Make up your mind. Where do you go from here?

Bluff Springs Baptist to have Gospel Singing

Bluff Spring Baptist Church will have a gospel singing on Sunday, April 30, at 6 p.m. with Becky

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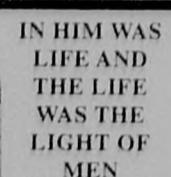
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ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Darryl Caldwell, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Albert Smith, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

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Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Robert Abbott, Pastor

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School

9:30 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School

11:00 a.m.

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11:00 a.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister

Sunday School

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Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marie, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Discipline Training

6:00 p.m.

Even Worship

6:00 p.m.

Prayer Meeting

6:00 p.m.

Faith Chapel Community Church

Danny Sherrill, Pastor

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

Most Worship

11:00 a.m.

Even Service

6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service

6:00 p.m.

Elba First Assembly of God

Rev. J. L. Gray, Pastor

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Since moving out in the country we now share at least three dogs and we eat with the neighbors on the dirt road on which we live, and despite all that, and the fact our girls are 17 and 11 years-old, the Easter Bunny still managed to find his way into the house and leave the girls some goodies. I know the girls may be a little old for the bunny's annual visit; however, they will always be our little girls no matter how old they are, and if we want the Easter Bunny to visit, we will let him right in.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS....

ELBA TIGERS IMPROVE TO 11-8. - The Elba Tigers claimed a big 6-1 win over New Brockton Thursday afternoon to close out the regular season with an 11-8 record. The Tigers lost a few games they should have won during the season to such teams as Red Level, Straughn and Samson, but they came through and won a share of the area championship and earned the right to host the opening round game in the 3A playoffs. The highlight of the Tigers' play last week was a no-hitter thrown by junior pitcher Brandon Salter. Salter, who has struggled with his control throughout the season, walked six batters and hit one batter in the shut-out win, but pitched his way out of trouble throughout the game and struck-out five of the last seven batters he faced. The Tigers had a new head coach in Wynn Grimes, a new assistant coach in Jamie Corbitt, and started three ninth graders for much of the season. However, everyone learned together as the season rolled along, and to post a winning record and host a playoff game really isn't that bad. Good job, Tigers, and good luck in the playoffs. Before leaving the baseball team, Coach Grimes and his players thank him and this season and every single game he's played. The Tigers' 10th and final game of the season will be to host the first round game in the playoffs. The first four tie-breakers failed to give either team the home field advantage, but the fifth tie-breaker was wins over common opponents regardless of classification, and Elba got the nod because the Tigers had a win over Kinistion while Kinistion had defeated Slocomb. I guess the skeptics that questioned why Kinistion was on the Tigers' schedule now know just how important every single game really is during the course of a season.

ELBA LADY TIGERS UP RECORD TO 24-6. - The Elba Lady Tigers continued to roll along in high school softball last week and posted four wins in as many outings to improve their record for the season to 24-6. The Lady Tigers struggled at times in easing past Opp 7-6 and 5-4, but then bounced back strong later in the week and swept a double-header from Goshen by 15 runs and 10 runs. The Lady Tigers have played a lot of games and at times appear a little mentally and physically tired, but as long as the girls keep on winning they should have no problem getting ready to play every time they take the field. This bunch of girls have a chance to do something big, and if they can keep each game in focus and not get over-confident, they might just go down in the record books as one of the best teams ever at Elba High, regardless of sport. C'mon girls, keep working hard and the wins will keep on coming.

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Close regular season with 11-8 record

Elba Tigers cage Gamecocks 6-1

The Elba Tigers closed out the regular season with a big win over the Gamecocks, 6-1. The Tigers defeated cross-area rival New Brockton 6-1, at Tiger Field.

The win topped Elba's record to 11-8, and gave the Tigers a perfect 4-0 record against county teams for the 2000 baseball season.

Elba pitcher Brooks Creel worked his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the opening inning without allowing a run, while the Tigers made the most out of their opening inning opportunity as they plated two runs to grab a quick 2-0 lead.

Kyle English and Brooks Creel opened the bottom of the first with singles, both moved up on stolen bases, and both later raced home on a double off the bat of Brandon Salter.

The Tigers bunched three hits together again in the third inning and again plated two runs, as a double.

Elba falls to Slocomb and Samson

The Elba Tigers had a busy week on the diamond and claimed two wins and two losses to see their record for the season move to 11-8.

Following are recaps of the Tigers' two losses:

SLOCOMB 4

The Elba Tigers were forced to share the Class 3A, Area 3 championship with the Slocomb Red Tops surprised the Tigers 8-4, last Friday afternoon in Slocomb.

Slocomb jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the area battle, but Elba showed signs of life in the fourth inning and plated two runs to pull within 3-2. A triple by Dustin Stinson ignited the fourth inning firework, while an RBI single by Brandon Salter knocked in Stinson, and Salter later scored on a two-out single by Marcus Henderson.

An RBI single by Henderson in the sixth enabled the Tigers to climb back to 5-3; however, in the half of the frame and earned a 5-3 lead in the seventh. Kyle English walked and later scored on a sacrifice fly by Brandon Salter in the Tiger seventh, but it was the only run Elba could manage, as the girls keep on winning they should have no problem getting ready to play every time they take the field. This bunch of girls have a chance to do something big, and if they can keep each game in focus and not get over-confident, they might just go down in the record books as one of the best teams ever at Elba High, regardless of sport. C'mon girls, keep working hard and the wins will keep on coming.

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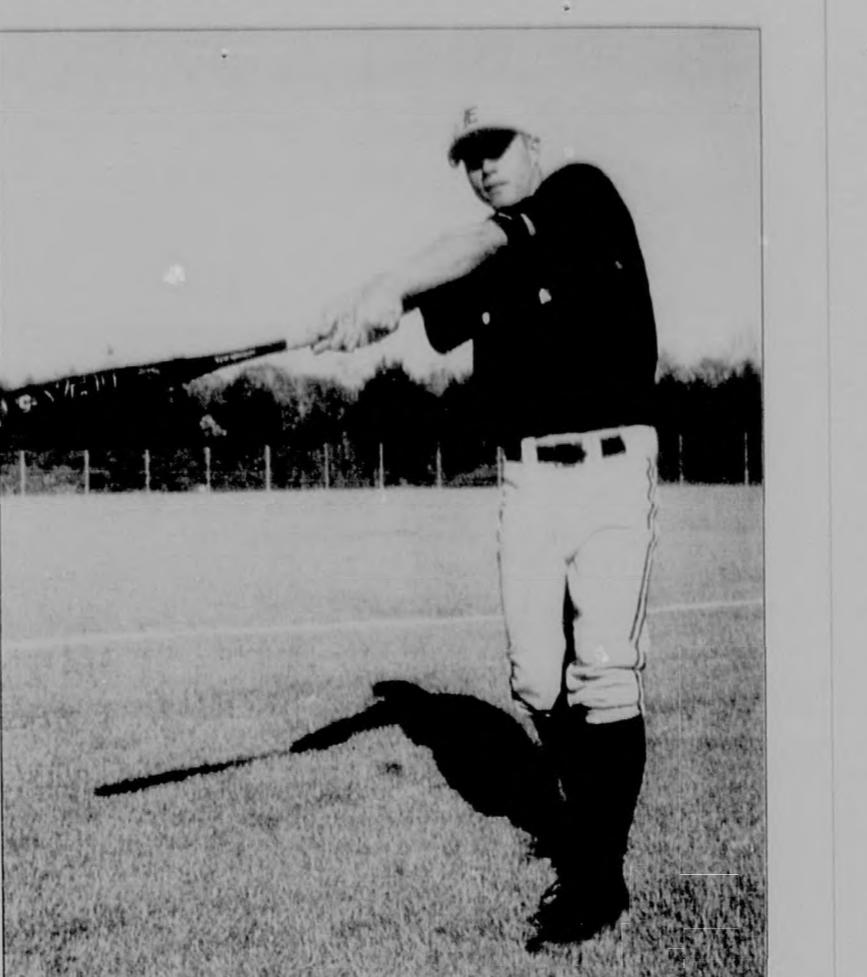
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HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 27
Elba at Goshen (2) 4:00
Brantley at Straughn (2)
Saturday, April 29
New Brockton Tournament
Monday, May 1
Geneva at Elba (2) 4:30
Laverne at New Brockton (2)
Tuesday, May 2
New Brockton at Highland Home (2)
Brantley at McKenzie (2)
G.W. Long at Zion Chapel (2)
4:30

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STINSON SWINGS BIG BAT ... Elba senior Dustin Stinson

continued to swing a big bat for the Elba Tigers last week as he went 11-15 with four triples, two doubles and four RBI's.

In 9-0 win over Straughn

Tigers' Salter tosses no-hitter

The Elba Tigers gained a measure of revenge last Monday afternoon when they spanked the Straughn Tigers 9-0, in Straughn, behind the no-hitting of Tiger pitcher Brooks Creel.

The Tigers had lost to 2A Straughn earlier in the season, in Elba, but evened the score in Straughn with the big win.

Elba failed to get a hit in the opening two innings, but came to life in the top of the third and combined five hits with two walks to grab a 6-0 lead.

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ELBA 18 OPP 4

The Elba Lady Tigers carried a 5-1 lead into the seventh inning and again survived a seven inning

stumble to post a 5-4 win over the Opp Lady Bobcats. A triple by Melissa Mularz and singles by Samantha Williams, Rachel Bludworth, Vaughan Boyd and Kendra Vaughan ignited the fourth inning rally for Elba, with key hits by Michelle Daniels and an RBI single by Aubrey Williams.

The Lady Tigers trailed 2-0 when they came up to bat in the bottom of the first, but added two runs in the fifth and fourth, respectively.

The Lady Tigers carried a 10-2 lead into the seventh inning and held on to defeat the Opp Lady Bobcats.

Elba's bats went silent for the next three innings; however, and Samson took advantage of the lull at the plate to plate four runs and go ahead 4-0.

Following are highlights of all four Elba wins:

ELBA 18 GOSHEN 3

The Elba Lady Tigers jumped out to an early 10-0 lead and coasted in with an 18-3 win over the Goshen Lady Eagles.

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SPORTS

Plenty of action as Elba Dixie Minor and Dixie Youth Baseball Leagues open 2000 season

The Elba Dixie Minor and Elba Dixie Youth Baseball Leagues completed their second week of action Friday night, and after only two weeks of play it is already obvious that the players and fans are in for an exciting season of action.

Following are highlights from the games played in Elba:

ASTROS 13 KINSTON 2

The Astros opened out with a 3-0 lead and never looked back to defeat Kinston 13-2, in Dixie Minor action. The Astros led 2-0 after one inning, but then had to score 7 runs in the third to regain command and claim the win. The Astros scored 3 runs to lead the Royals, while Chase Williams got 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while John Jarrett added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Trey Martin and Adam Phillips both scored 3 runs, and Chad Johnson scored 2 runs. Todd Grant and Rafael Hartley both added 2 hits for the Astros.

ROYALS 18 BRAVES 10

The Royals pulled ahead early and pulled away late to outscore the Braves 18-10, in Dixie Youth action. The Royals scored 11 runs in the first inning to take a big 11-0 lead, but then had to score 7 runs in the third to regain command and claim the win. The Royals scored 3 runs to lead the Cardinals, while John Jarrett added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Trey Martin and Adam Phillips both scored 3 runs for the Royals.

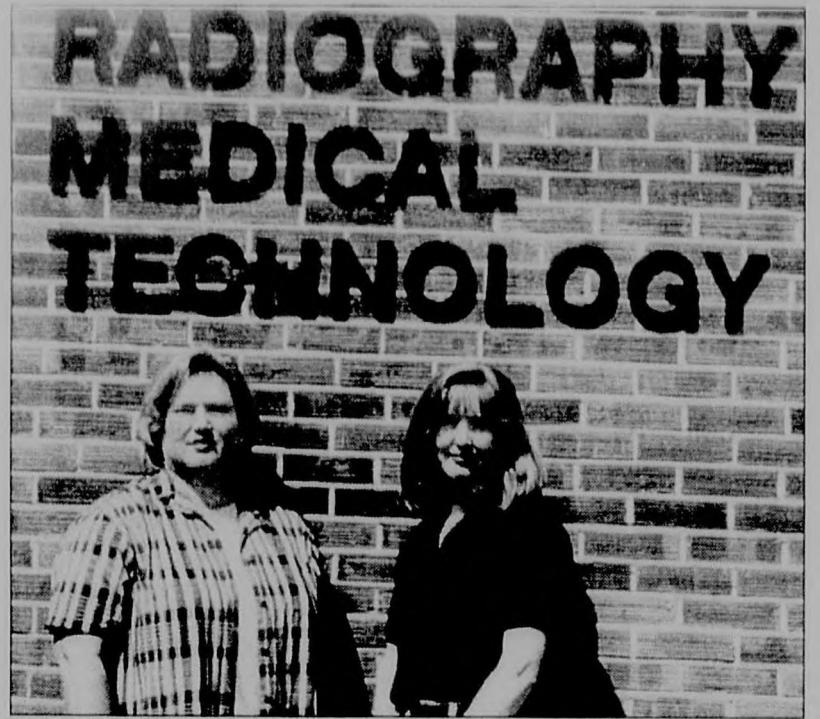
Community News

Second annual Sausage Festival set for May 13 in Elba

The Elba Chamber of Commerce invites one and all to join the crowd and the fun at Tiger Stadium in Elba on Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. for the Second Annual Old Time County Fair and Sausage Festival. Features will be plenty of games & activities for the young and the old to include: a tug-of-war contest, a sack race, children's competitions, children's activities, arts and crafts, recipe

contests, a car show, etc. There will also be plenty of entertainment and food, especially that delicious sausage from Kelley Foods of Alabama!

Then, at 5 p.m., find a good seat and sit back and enjoy a night of good old gospel music as the group closes out with a gospel singing, featuring local talent and the Rhythm Masters Quartet from the Andalusia area.



Wallace Community College radiography medical technology students recently competed in the 3rd Alabama Society of Radiologic Technology (ALSRT) Annual Student Bowl Convention. Second place for film exhibits was awarded to team members (left to right) Melissa McKeith and Sandy Johnson of Elba, and (not pictured) Robert McMillan of DeFuniak Springs, Fla. and DeAnna Cook of Enterprise.

Salute!

New Brockton High School Honor Roll 3rd Reporting Period

"A" Honor Roll

7th Grade

Deanna Donaldson, Matthew Everhart, Amber Ogburn, Brett Parish

8th Grade

Heather Carroll, Andrew Hardiman

9th Grade

Connie Brown, Peter Chapman, Randy Danford, Rena Donaldson, Melanie McGlothlen, Dusty Medley, Delora Moore, Kay Roberts, Joseph Sawyer

10th Grade

Loren Allums, Kendra Cole, Jenna Donaldson, Ashley Green, Veronica Hernandez, Jeffery Rogers, Tabitha Walden, Jeremy Windham

11th Grade

Jimmy Layton, Kelli Nichols

12th Grade

Rachel Carroll, Kellen Cole, Pate Harrison, Britany Mobley, Crystal Tatem

A-B" Honor Roll

Megan Cauley, Matthew Creech, Rhema Deaderick, Drew Donaldson, Tila Hogan, Sonya Hornsby, Freda Kelley, Wesley McCormick, Tanner Medley, Gina Newsom, Whitney Rachel

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Tommy Adkison, Bryan Allums, Whitney Rachel

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Community News

Coffee County Pageants to be held Sunday at Elba High School auditorium

The 2000 Coffee County Pageants will be held Sunday, April 30, at the Elba High School auditorium. The Future Little Miss, Petite Little Miss, Pre-Teen Miss and Teen Miss pageants will be held at 1:30 p.m. The Little Miss and Miss Coffee County pageants will be held at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend and support these young ladies as they compete for the 2000 crown.



Callie Bryan
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Deanna Carnley
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Jill Jinright
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Kristen Yarborough
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Lindsey Jared
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Sara Maddox
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Alaine Boswell
Miss Coffee County Contestant



Future Little Miss Coffee County Contestants... (Left to Right) Taylor Hudson, Heather Blitzen and Sierra Parker. Not Pictured: Kinley Sanders, Ashleigh Desandro, Sara Tindol.



Petite Miss Coffee County Contestants... (Left to Right) Back Row - Misty Cutts, Kimberly Tompkins, Sally Sessions, Brittany Campbell, Summer Parker. Front Row - Callie Hollis, Kaitlyn Lewis. Not Pictured: Saige Arnette.



Pre-Teen Miss Coffee County Contestants... (Left to Right) Back Row - Misty Cutts, Kimberly Tompkins, Sally Sessions, Brittany Campbell, Summer Parker. Front Row - Callie Hollis, Kaitlyn Lewis. Not Pictured: Saige Arnette.



Little Miss Coffee County Contestants... (Left to Right) Back Row - Cortnee Driggers, Shelby Boswell, Chelsey Holloway, Tori Whittaker, Heather Hendrix, Courtney Rugg, Kelli Behrens. Front Row - Dorth Crowley, Sarah Strickland, BreAnn Austin, Jordan McGovern. Not Pictured: Melanie Monaghan, Elizabeth Oden.



Teen Miss Coffee County Contestants... (Left to Right) Back Row - Mary Pittman, Collette Newsome, Freda Kelley, Heather Carroll, Mandi Stephenson, Luara Henderson. Front Row - Paige Parker, Ashlyn Jones, Emily Devane, Lindsay Hall, Anna Anderson, Ashley Daugherty. Not Pictured: Molly Tomberlin, Jessica Graves.

Jean Lake Arts Festival to be held in Troy May 6 & 7

Artists and crafts persons from throughout the Southeast will gather in Troy, Ala. Saturday and Sunday, May 6 & 7, for the 18th Annual Jean Lake Arts Festival. The festival will be held at the Pike Pioneer Museum located on US Hwy. 231 and will feature arts and craft demonstrations, food and entertainment for the entire family. A children's craft and activity center will be available Saturday. Also on Saturday, the festival will be the site of Jazz Fest, featuring jazz bands from throughout Southeast Alabama. Hours are 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$3 for adults, \$1 for children under 12. Age 2 and under admitted free. For more information, go to www.troymessenger.com and click on the Jean Lake 2000 logo or call (334) 566-3597.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Coffee County Relay for Life set for Friday, April 28

The Coffee County American Cancer Society's Annual Relay for Life is scheduled for Friday, April 28, from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. on the ESJC track. 70 teams have committed to participate in this year's event.

Coffee County was recognized in 1999 as one of the top Relay for Life events in the country - top 10 per capita in the country, raising over \$244,000. Relay for Life is now the single largest fund raising event in the world. Nationwide, Relay for Life raised over \$127 mil-

lion for the 1998/1999 fiscal year. This is the 8th annual event in Coffee County and over \$850,000 has been raised and we will go over \$1 million this year.

Everyone is invited to participate on the 28th, and we will have a special location for our media representatives. Please call Charlene Goolsby, 2000 Co-Chair, (347-2866) if you plan to attend in order for us to make sure we have space for you.

At 10 p.m., a special "Luminary service" will take place with

Brantley School 5th Six Weeks Honor Roll Grades 1-12

"A" Honor Roll

1st Grade

Chris Bass, Jarrett Callaway, Deuce Donaldson, De'Anna Elliott, Joseph Gardner, Zachary Hudgens, Zachary Johnson, Hasina Lee, Jen Majors, Kiana McTyre, Matthew Messick, Whitney Moore, Eisha Person, Keyanna Person, Karina Resendez, Richard Sims, Melissa Walker, Ryan Warrick, Tori Whitehurst

"A-B" Honor Roll

Beth Folmar, Rusty Harrison, Amanda McGinty, Cassandra Person, Natasha Archie, Cynthia Green, Daniel Kidd, Rosanna Wantland, Tyler Weaver, Wesley Witherington

6th Grade

Adriana Alejo, Katie Beck, Chloe Carpenter, Latoya Guise, Chester Guiley, Adam Hill, Chelsea Mosley, Zachary Prescott, Brittan Quintero, Sears, Ovalce Sanders, Quintero Sears, Tyler Tillery, Cassius Tills

7th Grade

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8th Grade

Niki Bailey, Cody Boswell, Anthony Cook, Marie Daniels, Dusty Dean, Adrienne Deupree, Ceasar Garcia, Donald Jones, Cole Mitchell, Chelsey Owens, Torion Upshaw, Chan Williamson, Trent Williamson

9th Grade

Ricky Beck, Brian Kervin, Tierra McClain, Misty Powell, Diana Watson

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Cogongrass survey to be conducted in the state

The USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service is working with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, Alabama Forestry Commission, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, and the Alabama State Soil and Water Conservation Committee and Alabama Cooperative Extension System to locate areas of cogongrass infestation in the state. Once areas of infestation are located, strategies will be developed to manage, control or eradicate this pest.

Apparently, the seeds of cogongrass entered the United States through Grand Bay, Ala.

around 1912 in packing material for Satsuma oranges. Some of the seeds took root in Alabama soil and has spread aggressively through Alabama, Mississippi and Florida, with some infestations in Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Louisiana. The grass can produce more than three tons of rhizomes per acre and can be identified by a white, slightly off center midrib. The plant has numerous upright stems and leaves that can grow to more than four feet long and three-fourths inch wide.

If you believe you have cogongrass on your property, please contact your local office of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, listed in the telephone directory under USDA.

For additional information contact Ben Moore, Luverne Field Office (334-335-3613) or Jerry Johnson, Auburn NRCS State Office (334-887-4560).

Muscular Dystrophy Association seeks volunteer summer camp counselors

The Muscular Dystrophy Association is currently seeking applications from people who would like to volunteer to spend a week as counselors at the MDA summer camp in Jackson's Gap, AL.

Volunteers will act as companions to campers (ages 6-21) with neuromuscular diseases during the camp session to be held June 25-30. Counselors must be at least 16 years old and able to lift a child. They will be called upon to push wheelchairs and assist with grooming, dressing, and feeding, plus help kids participate in the fun activities that come with summer camp, including swimming, horseback riding, arts and crafts, and canoeing.

"Camp is the highlight of the summer for the campers and volunteers. It's one week of the year when youngsters with muscle-wasting disorders are able to fully participate in a wide range of group outdoor activities that are tailored for their limited mobility," says Meg Hodges, MDA Regional Director. "MDA Summer Camp has a relaxed atmosphere which allows campers to develop self-confidence and form lifelong friendships."

More than 4,000 campers are expected to attend MDA camps this year. With the help of one-on-one volunteers, campers will enjoy a wide range of sports, recreation and nature activities.

MDA is a national voluntary health agency dedicated to finding treatments and cures for neuromuscular diseases affecting more than a million Americans. The Association receives no governmental grants, nor does it seek fees from the families it serves.

For more information or to volunteer, call the local MDA office in Birmingham at (205) 823-8191 or MDA national headquarters at 800-572-1717. Information about MDA programs and research advances is also available on MDA's Web site at www.mdausa.org.

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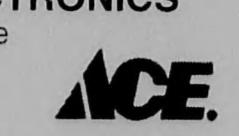
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Community News

Aerospace Week observed at Elba Elementary School



Aliens on guard down the Kindergarten hall!



Sixth grader Amanda Pope poses as an astronaut.



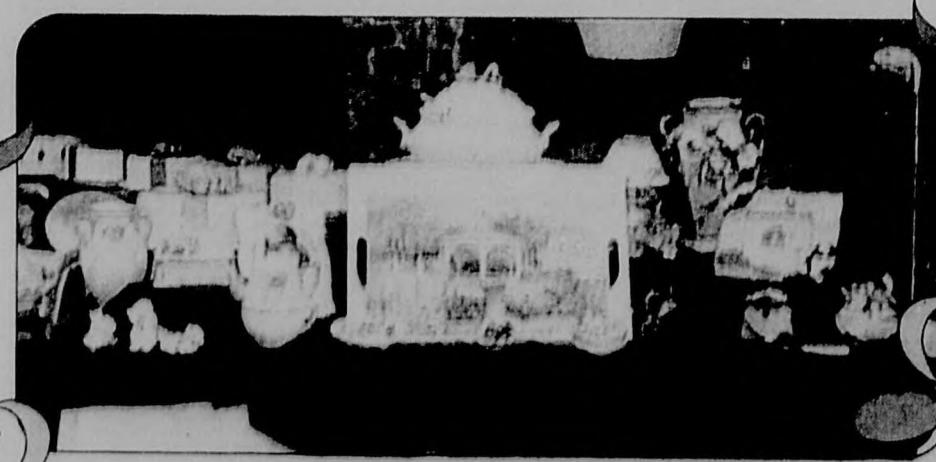
This bear has landed on the moon in the elementary school lunchroom.

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Aerospace Week officially began on April 17 at the Elba Elementary School. The entire school has been decorated to emphasize Aerospace. Upon entering the lobby, UFO's are seen flying throughout the solar system. The well-known film garden hall has UFO's hanging from the area. The universe, with its millions upon millions of stars, is explored on second grade hall as you tour the solar system. Turning left on your tour of the universe you'll find astronauts exploring the great unknown with a few aliens lurking about while speeding through the third grade hall. In the lunchroom area, a strange being has landed on the moon's surface. ALERT, ALERT, ALIENS of different species are standing guard on the Kindergarten hall. Be careful, you may become the next experiment.

As your trip continues, a launch pad area is located at the library to get you refueled for the next part of your trip across the universe. Venturing down fourth grade hall astronauts are found exploring space. A flashing light warns you of aliens as it lures you into the Black Hole that is featured on fifth grade hall.

As rockets propel you to the sixth grade hall, you travel around the sun to the first four planets. Mercury, Venus and Earth are viewed from your window. Outer space is your destination as you travel in your fall spaceship before entering the red planet, Mars. As you enter Mars, aliens are gathered to welcome each earthling to their planet. Space Music can be heard as you visit with the aliens from Mars.

Back on Earth, Mr. Greg Corder has conducted several activities pertaining to Aerospace with all grade levels. Grades K-3 viewed the many different constellations that Mr. Corder and his wife set up on Kindergarten hall. The first graders visualized Rockets and launched them last week. Fourth and fifth grade classes were given a flight suit demonstration and a special lecture on Aerospace by Mr. Corder. The Talent Pool students and some sixth graders made their own rocket ships and launched them at the Elba Tiger Stadium. Some of the rockets went so high that they were not recovered.

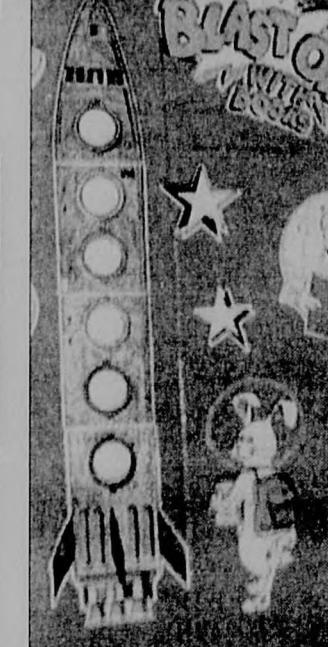
Other activities during the week included working in space with the students wearing welding gloves to try to attach a nut to a bolt. This experiment was conducted in the sixth grade science class and it proved to be a hard task. Students learned to appreciate the extra effort the astronauts have to take when working in space.

Outside on the playground, students used parachutes during different P.E. activities to reinforce the Aerospace theme.

Space food was served during the week for the students to enjoy.

Some students even got an opportunity to taste space food that was popular back in the early 70's.

The Elementary Staff, students and Mr. and Mrs. Corder are completing the hard work that was put into this special project. School officials invite anyone to come and visit the "OUT OF THIS WORLD" school.



Even the library got the hang of Aerospace Week.

Local graduates receive Bachelor degree from Auburn University

Auburn University awarded 1,028 academic degrees at its winter quarter commencement ceremony on Saturday, March 18, in Beard-Eaves-Memorial Coliseum. Local graduates receiving their Bachelor's degree were: Michael B. Simmons, Kiniston; James E. Gooby and Stephen Lambert, both of New Brockton.

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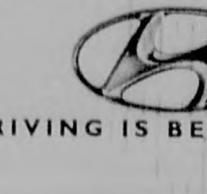
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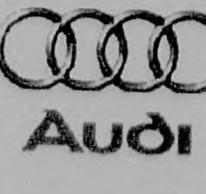
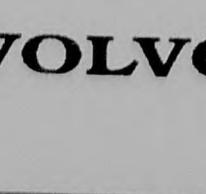
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